

# Hungry Valley SVRA

## Off-Highway Junior Ranger Adventure Guide



### Become an Off-Highway Junior Ranger!

Earn your Off-Highway Junior Ranger badge by completing the activities in this booklet while visiting Hungry Valley SVRA.

Once you are finished with the activities in this booklet, bring your completed Adventure Guide to the Hungry Valley Mobile Outreach Trailer at Smith Forks Campground to receive your official Junior Ranger badge.





# Welcome to Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area!

Hungry Valley SVRA has close to 20 thousand acres and more than 130 miles of scenic trails for all kinds of off-highway recreation. Operating an off-highway vehicle can be a big adventure and we want you to stay safe while enjoying the park and the great outdoors.

By staying on the trails, you can help protect the plants and animals that make Hungry Valley SVRA their home. By protecting the land, you are protecting the habitats of hundreds of plants and animals that live in the park and helping to save the park for you and your family to enjoy for years to come.

The activities in this guide will help you discover the natural world of Hungry Valley and keep you safe while recreating in the park. Once you have completed the activities in this booklet, bring it to the Hungry Valley Mobile Outreach Trailer at Smith Forks Campground (see map below) and receive your official Junior Ranger badge. Once you have taken the Junior Ranger pledge and received your badge, you can help the hundreds of rangers who protect and care for our California state parks.

**Take the Junior Ranger\* challenge and begin your adventure today!**

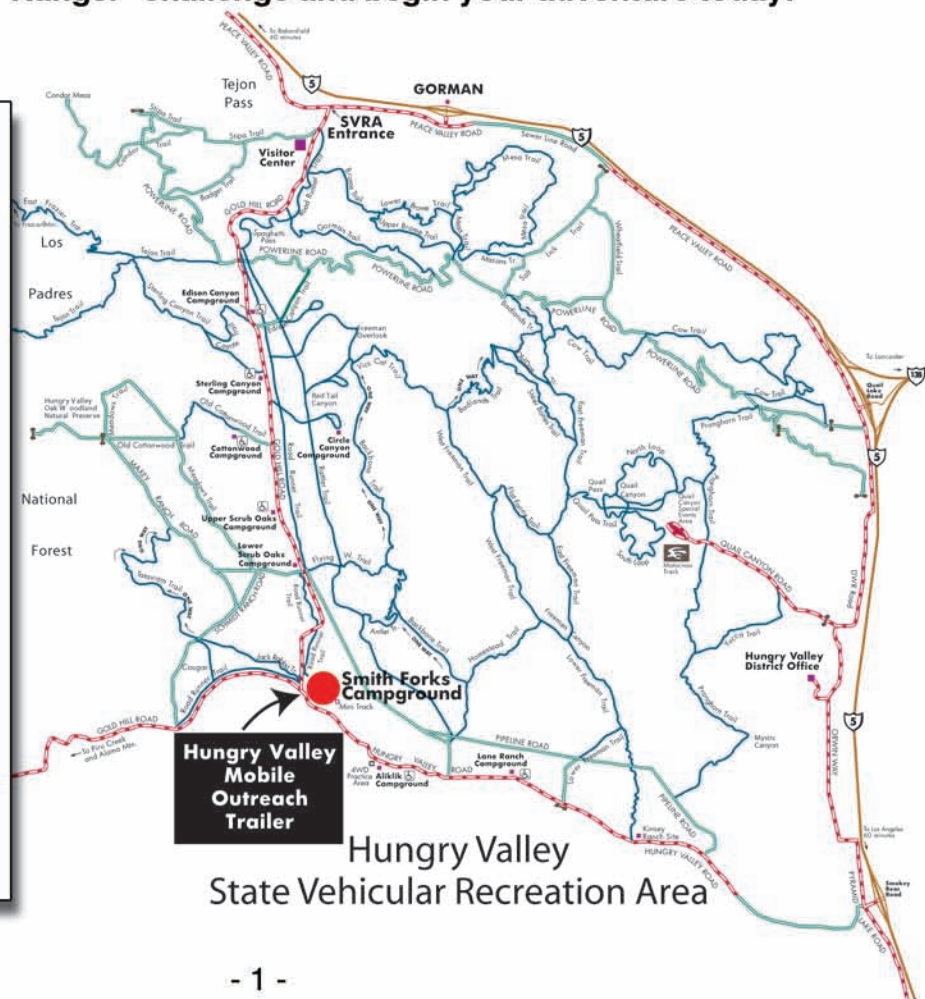
Dates & hours the  
Hungry Valley  
Mobile Outreach  
Trailer is  
available:

Saturday, Sept. 4  
9 am to 3 pm

Sunday, Sept. 5  
9 am to 3 pm

Monday, Sept. 6  
9 am to 3 pm

For more information  
or to receive your  
badge at a later date,  
please call the Hungry  
Valley District Office  
at: (661) 248-5700.



\*For ages 7 to 12 years old

# Off-Highway Vehicle Safety

Fill out the blanks with the words provided below.

ALONE  
BOOTS  
HELMET  
HIGHWAY  
LIGHTS  
GAS

OIL  
PANTS  
PASSENGER  
SAFETY COURSE  
MAP  
WATER

1. Always wear a \_\_\_\_\_ when riding an ATV or motorcycle.
2. Never ride \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Never ride an off-road vehicle on the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Always use \_\_\_\_\_ at night.
5. Check the \_\_\_\_\_ and engine \_\_\_\_\_ before you ride.
6. Drink \_\_\_\_\_ to keep you hydrated while you ride.
7. Anyone under 18 years of age must complete a \_\_\_\_\_ before riding an ATV unsupervised.
8. Do not carry a \_\_\_\_\_ on a standard ATV.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ and heavy \_\_\_\_\_ will prevent cuts and scrapes to your skin.
10. Carry a \_\_\_\_\_ to help you find your way if you become lost.

Answers: 1. helmet; 2. alone; 3. highway; 4. lights; 5. gas - oil; 6. water; 7. safety course; 8. passenger; 9. boots - pants; 10. map



## Junior Ranger Safety Tip:

Always tell someone where you are going, and don't change your plans. Follow the rules and **ALWAYS TAKE WATER AND A MAP WITH YOU!**

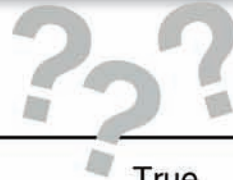




# Rider Safety and Park Rules

Are these sentences true or false?

Circle your answer.



	True	False
1. The speed limit within 50 feet of people or campsites is 15 mph.	T	F
2. If you are under 14 years old and riding an ATV, you must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.	T	F
3. You may take anything you find in the park home with you.	T	F
4. You may <i>not</i> collect wood within the park for your campfire.	T	F
5. Campfires may be built outside of existing fire rings.	T	F
6. It is legal to ride an ATV without a helmet.	T	F
7. If you are under 18 years old, have a driver's license, and are riding an ATV alone, you do <i>not</i> need a safety certificate.	T	F
8. Spark arresters help prevent wildfires.	T	F
9. It is <i>not</i> o.k. to chase wildlife in the park.	T	F
10. If you get lost, you should <i>not</i> leave your off-road vehicle.	T	F

Answers: 1. True; 2. True; 3. False; 4. True; 5. False; 6. True; 7. False; 8. True; 9. True; 10. True

## Word Scramble!

These scrambled words are things you can find at Hungry Valley SVRA.  
Unscramble the words and the circled letters will reveal a secret message!

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Secret Message:

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ !



Answers: trail; rabbit; lizard; helmet; campsite;  
yucca; fun; motorcycle  
Secret Message: Ride Safe!

# Hungry Valley Scavenger Hunt

Can you find each of these things in the park?

Please leave everything in place so that others may discover them too!



Find something in nature that is:

What did you find?

☐

Prickly

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

Soft

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

Hard

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

With bright colors

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

Crawling

\_\_\_\_\_

Listen for...

What did you hear?

☐

A natural sound

\_\_\_\_\_

Look for...

What did you see?

☐

Something flying

\_\_\_\_\_

And find...


☐

Something in nature you have never seen before.

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Something you can do to protect Hungry Valley.

What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

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Draw a picture of your favorite  
Scavenger Hunt find.



Rangers are people who love nature. Are you a nature lover?  
What is one way you can help protect the plants and animals  
that live in Hungry Valley?



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# Hungry Valley Trail Names

S	S	C	N	R	A	G	U	O	C	U	I	R	T	M
M	C	O	Y	O	T	E	A	R	O	X	P	O	E	I
A	G	N	E	C	O	R	P	M	A	H	U	A	C	R
I	O	D	A	M	X	S	O	M	P	A	D	D	O	E
V	R	O	B	D	O	U	E	N	X	O	Y	R	S	L
A	M	R	L	R	E	R	T	P	W	R	A	U	D	T
T	A	P	I	T	S	W	B	S	K	F	I	N	Q	T
A	N	B	A	D	L	A	N	D	S	G	O	N	Y	A
T	E	N	I	L	E	P	I	P	O	S	D	E	J	R
Q	C	Z	B	A	D	G	E	R	U	I	L	R	K	V

Badlands

Coyote

Road Runner

Pipeline

Cougar

Rattler

Tataviam

Meadows

Condor

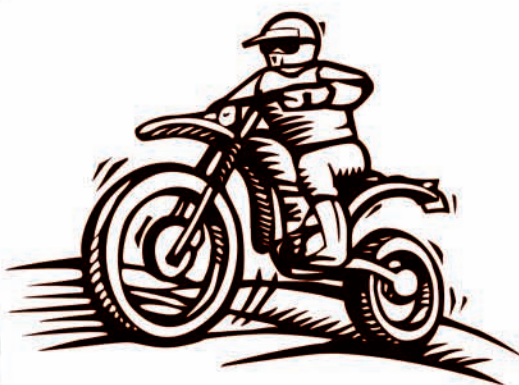
Badger

Gorman

Stipa

Maxi

Brome



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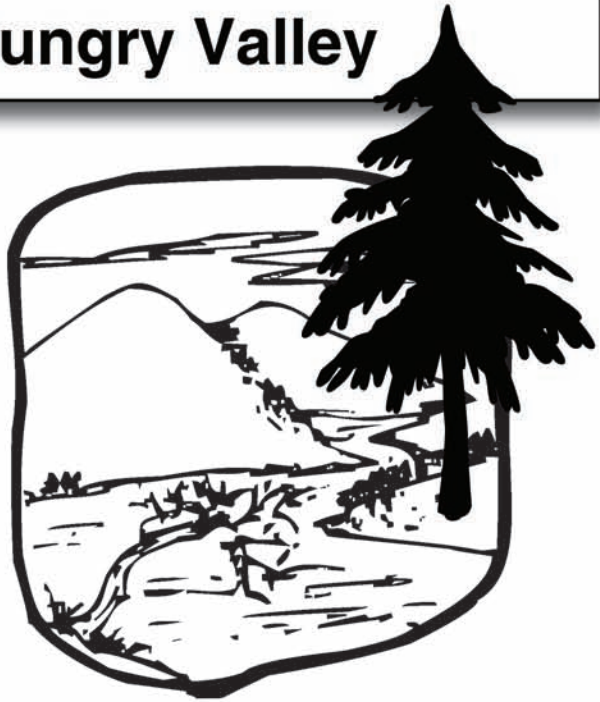


# The Story of Hungry Valley

## How Hungry Valley Got It's Name...

When President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act in 1862, millions of acres of public land were opened up for private ownership and thousands of Americans travelled across the United States in the hopes of settling on land of their own.

Many of those large tracts of land could be found near Gorman in Honey Valley, and in the early 1900s, a number of small homesteads were established in the area.



However, the tools, equipment, livestock and lumber necessary to set up a farm cost more money than most people had at the time. Water was difficult to find and winter storms and summer drought made farming even tougher. The hopes and dreams of many were crushed.

Times got so tough, and so many gave up and moved elsewhere, that Honey Valley became known as Hungry Valley - the name that still identifies the area to this day.



*Homestead Trail in the Freeman Canyon area commemorates those early settlers who struggled so hard to scratch out a living under harsh conditions.*

What did Hungry Valley used to be called?

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# Animals at Hungry Valley

Visit our Skins & Skulls exhibit at the Hungry Valley Mobile Outreach Trailer at Smith Forks Campground to find the answers to the questions on this page.

When this page is finished, your booklet can then be signed and dated by a Hungry Valley staff member and you can receive your Junior Ranger badge!



## Skins & Skulls



I am named for my stubby tail. **Who am I?**

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I have a white stripe that starts at the top of my nose and continues down the back of my head. **Who am I?**

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My skin has scales. **Who am I?**

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I have long canine teeth and sharp molars to rip & shred meat because I am carnivorous. **Who am I?**

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I have a long bushy tail and am in the dog family. **Who am I?**

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I can weigh up to 500 pounds and have a large skull. **Who am I?**

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# Congratulations!

Once you have finished all the questions and activities in this Adventure Guide, read the Junior Ranger pledge below and sign your name, you are a Junior Ranger!

## Junior Ranger Pledge

I, \_\_\_\_\_ promise to:

Treat the earth and all living things with care and respect.

Be careful of what I do and how it affects others.

Learn about the importance of nature and our heritage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(sign here to become an official State Park Junior Ranger)



## Congratulations!

\_\_\_\_\_  
your name here

has completed the Off-Highway Junior Ranger Adventure Guide at  
Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area  
and is now an official Junior Ranger for California State Parks  
and has pledged to be a friend to nature and a keeper of history.

\_\_\_\_\_  
staff signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

If you keep this pledge, your  
actions will show others that  
you care about parks.



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